

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Sitka****Project Title:**

Sitka - Commercial Passenger Vessel Lightering Facility Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$ 2,000,000**House District: 2 - A**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Project to enhance and modernize the city's lightering and stevedoring services provided to the Cruise industry.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$2,000,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Anticipated increases in the number and frequency of port calls in Sitka by Commercial Passenger Vessels has made improvements to the berthing, mooring and energy capabilities essential. The project will improve the efficiency and quality of shore side support to the Cruise industry and enhance the experience of passengers.

Appropriation is \$2,000,000 of Cruise Ship Head-Tax funds for improvements to port infrastructure and cruise ship docks in Sitka. As a coastal community, Sitka experiences an in-flux of cruise ship and independent travelers during tourism season.

The City of Sitka has developed an improvement plan for the community's cruise ship lightering facility and adjacent staging area. The plan includes construction of a new visitor staging area, restrooms, walkway, and other improvements to the immediate area to provide additional staging areas and improve traffic flow. This funding will improve the city's marine infrastructure, leading to better access to the community to visitors and expanded opportunities for economic development in Sitka.

Project Timeline:

Funding in FY09 will allow design and engineering to finish in time for the improvements to begin next summer.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City & Borough of Sitka

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Sitka Lightering Facility



Restrooms

NE View under bridge from here

O'Connell Bridge

New Visitor Control Facility

New 6 foot sidewalk
600 ft length



0 76 152 228 ft

Sitka Lightering Facility Additions

- New Visitor Control Facility – est. \$1.4 million
 - Provide 4,000 SF new facility for visitor control and welcome services off existing lightering dock and gangways
 - Connect and expand existing restroom facilities
 - Interpretative and directional signage
- Walkway – est. \$600,000
 - Improve pedestrian access and safety by providing an alternative to crossing Harbor Way and State road
- Design and construction management part of estimates